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"*Thou Art the Helper of the Fatherless*"—Psalm 0:14.

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SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REGENTS OF THE ORPHANS' HOME OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

To the Synod at Durham, N. C.

Dear Brethren:

The Regents of your Orphans' Home at Barium Springs, N.C. present this their Report of another year's successful work, with an increased number of children, and improved facilities for instructing and training them for usefulness. The Church has abundant reason to thank our Heavenly Father for the growth and increased usefulness of this young Institution; and to awake to a deeper sense of her responsibility, and to enlarged liberality for its maintenance.

From the beginning God has raised up liberal minded friends, who have furnished the means for erecting, and equipping dormitories, chapel, schoolrooms infirmary, industrial facilities, superintendent's residence, library room, and art gallery, so that our accommodations have outrun the liberality of our people in supporting the increasing number of children whom we are prepared to accommodate. And still our accommodations are not large enough for us to receive all children for whom application is made for entrance, and we are compelled to turn away or postpone the reception of, a large number of needy and worthy children.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

From the Superintendent's Report which has been received and considered, we learn that one hundred and sixty six (166) children—72 boys and 94 girls—have received the care of the Orphans' Home, the past year, the average attendance being 150, which is the full capacity of our buildings. No death or serious illness has occurred, and the work has gone on with satisfactory regularity and success. The manual, moral and intellectual training has been carried on faithfully and with fair results, and religious instruction has not been neglected. Since the first of September several new helpers have been substituted for former ones, but they give good promise of success in the work.

Our farmer and the boys have kept the tables supplied with vegetables, and have raised a good crop of corn, but our wheat crop has been a failure. A silo of 60 tons capacity has been filled with ensilage, for the purpose of feeding an enlarged herd of cattle, as

soon as means will allow us to purchase them. The value of a plentiful supply of milk and butter for the health of growing children can hardly be overestimated.

The "Mrs. Anna Stamps Howard Cottage," reported as finished at the Synod's last meeting, has been furnished, and is occupied by our larger girls. The "Synod's Cottage" and the "Annie Louise Cottage" have been refurnished with new mattresses—the latter at the expense of Mr. G. W. Watts. The entire cost of furnishing these buildings has been $895.45.

The Alexander Industrial Building has been practically completed and partially equipped. An engine and boiler have been placed, but not yet connected, and the complete laundry outfit has not yet been purchased. Special contributions for the complete equipment of the building have been pledged, and the equipment will be completed when these pledges are paid in. In the meantime the printing outfit, wood-working tools and the old laundry implements have been removed to this building. This building, when thoroughly equipped, will be a great convenience, and will facilitate the training of the children for useful employments in life. The condemnation of our water supply, as unfit for culinary and drinking purposes, and the complete or partial failure of our wells the past summer threatened a water famine. The danger has been averted by driving a well, one hundred feet deep, near the Alexander Industrial Building. The well is a complete success, yielding about eight gallons of water to the minute, and furnishing sufficient water for drinking purposes, and for the laundry. When it shall be attached to the engine, and connected with a new tank, now on the ground, it will be possible to throw water to the roof of our central building, thus affording an additional protection against fire.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

At this meeting of the Synod it is important that our financial affairs should receive careful consideration, and, if possible, it is desirable that some more satisfactory method of support should be devised to supersede or supplement our present methods which have proved to be inadequate.

Our faithful and accurate Treasurer, without compensation, has carefully attended to this department of our affairs, and furnished us with an approved report. The following abstract and analysis of this report, supplemented by a portion of the Superintendent's report will give an intelligible account of our financial condition. Our receipts and disbursements from Sept. 31, 1903 to Sept. 31, 1904, have been as follows, viz:

On hand for all purposes, Oct 1 '03	$762.60
Rec'd Support Fund to Sept 31, '04	9824.17
" Press " " "	261.90
" Building " " "	3074.55
Total receipts and on hand	13,923.22
Disbursements for all purposes	13,918.88
Amount on hand, Sept. 31, 1904,	4.34

THE SUPPORT FUND.

Subtracting from the receipts for the Support Fund the shortage of $381.30 of the previous year, leaves an available support fund for the past year of $9,824.17, minus $381.30, which is $9,442.87. Last year's available support fund was $8,368.84. That is an available support fund of $1,074.03 greater this year than that of the previous year.

THE PRESS FUND.

Available Press fund for 1903, $1 079.17 for 1904, $914.00. Less than

last year by $165.17

THE BUILDING FUND.

Available Building Fund for 1903, $5,543.39, for 1904, $3,556.35. Less than last year by $1,977.04.

From the foregoing summary, it will be seen that the Support Fund has had an increase over last year's contributions of over one thousand dollars, which would seem to be a satisfactory condition of things. But there are statements in the Superintendent's report that are not embraced in the Treasurer,s report. One of these statements is that there are outstanding unpaid accounts for the support of the children of about $2,000.00 notwithstanding the increased receipts for this fund of more than one thousand dollars. This state of affairs is not difficult to account for. Last year there were no new apportionments recommended by the Synod, and it was understood that the previous apportionment amounting to $10,000 00, would be adequate to the support of the orphans. But instead of that sum only an available sum of $9,442.87 was contributed, leaving a deficiency of $557.13. Again, the number of orphans in the Home is 25 more than in the previous year. The average expense of supporting a child was estimated last year at $72.11. At that rate the support of 25 additional children would amount to $1,802.75' or nearly the amount of the outstanding accounts. This would require a total for the Support Fund of $10,816.-50, or $1,373.62 more than the churches contributed. Furthermore there has been a decrease in the amount of contributions of provisions of $318.45. Moreover there has been an increase in the cost of provisions estimated from 10 to 20, or 25 per cent. Taking off only 10 per cent from our support fund it would reduce the purchasing power of our income by nearly one thousand dollars. And adding to all this, the fact that it is the rule of our Treasurer to charge all expenses for repairs and refurnishings to the Support Fund, and these repairs and refurnishings have been unusually large this year, costing more than $1000.00, ($1,035.95) the wonder is that our indebtedness has not been greater than it is. These facts and figures bear out the statement of the Superintendent that they have been living more economically this year than previously.

But the fact of our having outstanding accounts of about $2000.00 at the close of this year is a cause for serious consideration and prayer. There has been a mistake somewhere. This mistake can hardly be attributed to the administration, or management of the Home. The management of the internal affairs of the Home has been wise and economical, and has resulted in the least expensive rate of support, coupled with an excellent system of training and instruction. The only mistake we can point out is that it was taken for granted that the 402 churches, and 37,515 church members of the Synod of North Carolina, served by 176 faithful ministers, and 1,411 ruling elders, were able and willing to support 150 needy and helpless orphans, gathered principally from their own churches, at an average cost of 30 cents per member. As it turned out however, 183 of our 402 churches contributed nothing at all, and probably were not given the opportunity to contribute by their ministers and sessions. For it is the almost invariable custom of even our feeblest churches to give something,

when allowed the opportunity. Two of our feeble churches gave less than one dollar each last year—one of them giving as little as 14 cents. All honor to the pastor and the little church that gave 14 cents!

In view of the foregoing state of affairs there can be but two or three alternatives. Either our church courts and Christian people must cease to content themselves with fair resolutions, and actually enlarge their contributions to this important work, or the management must take a step backward, close up one of their dormitories, dismiss one fourth or one fifth of the orphans now in the Home, and confess that we began to build and were not able to finish. Which shall it be?

Taking into consideration the uniform approval of the work by the Synod, and the fact that God has put it into the hearts of Christian men and women, here and there, to give large sums for the erection of suitable buildings, your Board of Regents entertained no doubt that it was the purpose of our people to support the 25 additional orphans recently provided with convenient accommodations. And your Board of Regents still entertains the belief that the failure of support for the past year did not arise from lack of interest in the work, but from inadvertence, and lack of opportunity to contribute. The following from the Report of the Treasurer, shows the contributions of the churches, by Presbyteries:

Albemarle, No. Churches 36, contributing 20, non-contributing 16, Amount $889.31.

Asheville, No. Churches 25, contributing 10, non-contributing 15, Amount $197.24.

Concord, No. Churches, 66, contributing 45, non-contributing 21, Amount $2,330.89.

Fayetteville, No. Churches 86, contributing 54, non-contributing 32, Amount $1,629.97.

King's Mountain, No. Churches 32, contributing 13, non-contributing 19, Amount $278.66.

Mecklenburg, No. Churches 45, contributing 25, non-contributing 20, Amount $921.05.

Orange, No. Churches 61, contributing 30, non-contributing 31, Amount $2,043.78.

Wilmington, No. Churches 51, contributing 22, non-contributing 29, Amount $691.62.

Total: No. Churches, 402, contributing 219, non-contributing 183, Amount $8,982.52.

Total membership of the Synod is 37,515.

Dividing the amount contributed, by the number of members, we get an average of nearly 25cts per member. This calculation is for the Assembly year, not for the Synodical year.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

The property belonging to the Synod consists of nine principal buildings, not including out houses, all in good repair, capable of accomodating 150 children, with the superintendent, teachers and matrons. The Synod also owns about 200 acres of land, on which are gardens, growing young orchards, farming and grazing land, and 25 acres of well wooded forest. The entire property is worth $50,000.00. There is urgent need for a house for our farmer, and the Regents are contemplating the securing of one, as soon as the means shall be provided. It is desirable that there should be

provision made for 25 more boys, thus making their number equal to that of the girls, and furnishing additional workers for the farm, garden and dairy. But it is not intended to take steps for this addition of a boys' building until the Church shall manifest its intention to provide an adequate Support Fund.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Your Board of Regents makes the following recommendations for the adoption of the Synod.

Rec. 1. That in view of the enlarged number of orphans now in the Home, the increased cost of living, and for retiring the outstanding debt of $2,000.00 the sum of $12,000.00 be solicited for the coming year, apportioned as follows:

To Albemarle	Presbytery	$900.00
" Asheville	"	400.00
" Concord	"	2,400.00
" Fayetteville	"	2,300.00
" Kings Mountain	"	700.00
" Mecklenburg	"	2,000.00
" Orange	"	2,100.00
" Wilmington	"	1,200.00
	Total	$12,000.00

Rec. 2. That the Synod direct all of the Presbyteries to appoint Executive Committees to look after the interests of the Orphans' Home, within their respective bounds. The duties of these Committees to be as follows: (1) To apportion the amount asked by the Synod to the several churches of the Presbytery, and to endeavor to secure the payment of the sums apportioned, from the respective churches. (2) To secure pledges, as far as practicable, for the support of one or more orphans, from churches or combination of churches, Sunday schools, or benevolent societies, and that on their request the Superintendent assign one or more orphans, by name, as the protege of said churches and societies, thereby to secure in advance, the promise and pledge of support for said orphan.

Rec. 3. We recommend that the Synod enjoin upon all our churches to make contributions for the support of the Orphans' Home, on Thanksgiving day, during the Christmas holidays, and on or about the second Sabbath of June in each year.

Rec. 4. We recommend that the Synod supply the vacancies on the Board of Regents occasioned by the expiration of the terms of Mr. J. C. Steele of Statesville, N. C. and Mr. P. M. Brown of Charlotte, N. C.

CORPS OF INSTRUCTION AND CARE.

The officers and employees engaged in teaching and caring for the children, the farm and buildings, consist of one superintendent, five teachers, four matrons, one farmer, one mechanic, chief of cooking department, chief of sewing department, manager of ths laundry, and editor of Our Fatherless Ones. These have all been selected with care, are capable, faithful, and devoted to their work, and their compensation is below the general average of that of persons of their qualification in other departments of work.

This Report has been prepared, read and adopted by the Board of Regents as their Annual Report for 1903-4 to the Synod of N. C.

J. Rumple, Pres.

Barium Springs, N. C.

Nov. 3, 1904.

Thanksgiving.

We suppose there are few places in this whole country of ours where Thanksgiving is looked forward to with more pleasure than here at the Orphans' Home.

It is easy for us to remember to be thankful for so many of our blessings come right along with Thanksgiving day. Blessings for big folks as well little ones. For the little ones there are anticipations in the way of apples, chestnuts, roast turkey, and pumpkin pie, a day in the woods, and a romp in the dining-room at night. Yes, and I guess we had better acknowledge too that there are older hearts not entirely indifferent to joys of this kind.

But for older ones there is the unspeakable gladness of being able to pay off debts that have hung, such a heavy burden, on our spirits during the summer time. It is so good to feel that after Thanksgiving day we will be able to pay for the things we need —at least some of them.

But again we would be leaving a wrong impression if we had our readers to believe that only the grown up people at the Home feel these cares. There are some very little faces that grow long and some tiny young hearts that grow sad when the Superintendent tells us about the bills that we are not able to pay.

Thanksgiving day is our "Year of Jubilee." If you happened to be on the campus almost any time during the day or after the different houses have been lighted up at night you would be thoroughly convinced that we believe in making it so in every sense of the word.

Say our friends, let the church know the needs of the Orphans' Home. Well, first and foremost an adequate, prompt support for the 150 orphans now in our care. That must come before everything else. Our Industrial building equipped, an adequate water supply. A comfortable house for our worthy and faithful farmer, an enlarged herd of cows, a few improved farming implements and then comes groceries of every kind, quantities of domestic bleached and unbleached, calico or percale, apron checks, shoes, stockings. soap, paper, pencils, O! everything you use yourself can be used at the Orphans' Home. Soup takes a prominent place on the menu at the Orphans' Home in winter To make this soup tomatoes are used. This year our tomato crop was an entire failure and not one can did we can. Suppose some of our Sunday Schools that give entertainments for the Orphans Home, this year make the admittance fee a can of tomatoes. Then our orphans will not go without their tomato soup, which when we have our own canned supply is one of the cheapest and most wholesome foods we can serve on our tables. When the tomatoes must be bought then the soup is conspicuous by its absence.

Mr. Sharpe, our mechanic, made a big clod crusher which Mr. Parks and his farm boys use to advantage in preparing the ground for seed. They hitch two horses to this heavy concern, a boy sits on top and drives. Every clod in reach is broken. That home-made affair is not so good as one that could be purchased, but considering the difference in prices it answers the purpose very well. When our boys farm for themselves they will remember how this crusher was made and can have one of their own. The crusher then is an object lesson, when

you can't have the best. don't be discouraged, construct something that will answer your purpose. Don't give up. It is more important to teach our boys this spirit than it is even to crush clods and raise big crops. Our aim is to do both.

We can't keep from expecting great things on Thanksgiving day because we have never yet been disappointed. And that reminds us to tell about our dining room matron and the oysters. She, our good dining room matron believed we would have oysters for Thanksgiving dinner. We had always had them before but we had had no notice this time that there were any on the way. All the day before Thanksgiving day passed and they didn't come and no letter to say that they would come. Thanksgiving morning and no oysters, There was only one more train before dinner time and that was at eleven o'clock. The matron had the milk and butter and other things needed to cook oysters carried into the kitchen and sent boys to meet the eleven o'clock train and sure enough when the train stopped there was the keg of oysters.

Through Fire.

We feel very deep sympathy for the Thornwell Orphanage in the loss of their dining Hall. Our first fire, the old wooden hotel building, was a blessing in disguise and we trust that our friends in Clinton may find that God has something better to give them in place of the dining hall they have lost.

We would like to invite them every one to have Thanksgiving dinner with us at Barium Springs.

Those of us who were here at the time will never forget our first Thanksgiving dinner after our first fire. The house was burned two or three weeks before Thanksgiving and almost everything we had was burned. Living in the country where there was no fire company and a poor water supply made it impossible to save the house and only the very near neighbors got here in time to help carry things out of the house. We went to Statesville and lived for almost a year in two rented houses. When Thanksgiving came it found us still without a kitchen outfit, dining tables or dishes. We had been living on canned goods for almost three weeks and our souls longed for the "flesh pots," or almost anything cooked in pots. For Thanksgiving dinner we made a big pot of corn-meal mush and took it pot and all into the room which was used as dining room sitting room and schoolroom. The only furniture was chairs. Each one carried his plate to the big pot to be served and then put the plate of mush and butter in a chair and kneeled before it to eat dinner. It sounds funny now but the mush and butter was good then and we were thankful to have something that didn't come out of a little tin can.

When we have Thanksgiving dinner now in our big dining room we remember that day and it helps us to be thankful again.

The Rumple Hall girls were very much disappointed a few days ago when Dr. Rumple told them that he wasn't going to have any more birthdays this year. Dr. Rumple belongs to us all, but the girls who live in Rumple Hall think they have a special claim on him.

They had planned to ask for holiday on his birthday. They will have to wait now until next year.

Our Fatherless Ones.

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HOW TO SEND MONEY AND SUPPLIES,

All money should be sent to Mr. P. M. Brown, Treasurer, Charlotte, N. C., but if corresponding with the superintendent, Rev R. W. Boyd, Barium Springs, N. C., and wishing to inclose a remittance, the money order should be made payable at Barium Springs, as this is now an order office.

All supplies sent by freight or express will be stopped at Barium Springs if charges are prepaid. If charges are not prepaid, supplies should be sent to Troutman N. C. To get supplies forwarded without charge, application must be previously made to general manager of freights through your local agent ☞ Notice of all shipments should be promptly sent to the Superintndent.

HOME HAPPENINGS.

Jehovah-Jireh!

Teach us, O God, to be more grateful for all thy goodness to Thy wards, our orphans.

Our boys have been ploughing right straight along.

Our smsll boys are equal to the squirrels to secure hickorynuts.

The cough is something fearful, often it drowns everything else.

The view from Rumple Hall tower is beautiful these autumn days.

The outfits coming in are most excellenty suited for the purpose intended.

In harvesting our sweet potatoes we find the yield not so abundant as that of last year.

The Orphans' Home would render thanksgiving to the Father for His manifold mercies to us.

Only one holiday at Thanksgiving this year as we have had one and another interruption in school work.

Thornwell friends, our heart aches for you. Believe us God will bless this calamity to your good and His glory.

The outfits are most generous and show that the friends bestowing them have hearts full of love for their orphans.

For no blessing of the past year do we render more thanksgiving than the refreshing spiritual blessing that has been ours.

Annie Reid and Sara Hargett have returned to their mother who has married a second time and is living in Charlotte.

We would thank God for every good impulse awakened in the heart of the smallest and most unpromising of our number.

Our boys are especally drawn to Mr. Atkinson of the Board of Regents, they think he would make a fine foot-ball player.

Emma Sossaman, one of our old girls is now making her home with the Superintendent's family and going to school, for which privilege she herself earns money to pay.

Our household rejoice in the rapid recovery of Miss Carr. She will receive a most hearty welcome on her return to her work with us.

Miss Gudger, the matron at Annie Louise Cottage, gave her little people a treat in the form of fresh chestnuts right from the mountains.

If every subscriber would send one new subscription by Thanksgiving and two by Christmas it would be a great help to your Orphans' Home.

Any one unpacking the outfits received by us for our children could not doubt the devotion of the Synod of North Carolina to her orphan children.

The whooping cough makes many of our children feel mighty bad, though most of them go on to school and are not excused from any of their duties.

Very few rabbits do the boys catch in their traps. Thirteen years of close trapping on our broad(?) acres has almost made "Brer Rabbit" extinct.

It was a pleasure to have Mrs Scott of Charlotte, Miss Lou Graham and Mrs Barringer of Statesville spend several hours with us one afternoon recently.

We are so glad that the Regents will strive to give Mr. Parks, our farmer a comfortable house to live in. He deserves to be comfortable for he is proving efficient in his labors.

Our boys have been enjoying some popcorn that Warren Brown and Bryant Kirkland raised on a plot of ground Mr. Parks, our farmer gave them to cultivate for themselves.

A new feature in the Friday morning chapel exercises is the tenth grade pupils, in turn, preparing and reading a paper reviewing the news of the week. A good exercise we think.

The places made vacant by the recent removal of several of the children are again filled, selections were made from the applications in hand, even before the children had gone from us.

We regretted to send from us little Claudia and Richard Triplet. They are very promising and lovable children. Their mother has decided to seek her fortune in the west and takes the little ones with her.

The Annie Louise Cottage household had their annual holiday in honor of little George Watts Hill's birth-day. The twent-eighth of October is the date. These little girls never allow the Superintendent to forget.

We are always glad to show visitors over the Orphans Home. We are especially glad for Presbyterians to see closely for themselves what the Church is doing here for her orphan wards. The more you know the more you will want to help in this glorious work for the Master.

A beautiful bunch of chrysanthemums found its way into the chapel. We were indebted to some member to the faculty for sharing this beauty with our entire household. A little kindness, perhaps, that bit of beauty gave pleasure and started one on the day in a happy frame of mind.

We hope big things for the Orphans Home on Thanksgiving day. Perhaps because our need is great we are the more expectant. 'Tis from Holy writ we are taught that God wishes His servants to open wide their mouth promising "I will fill it." And we know in whom we trust.

If "whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth" then our orphans are much beloved, for the several orphanages have been passing through fiery trials, fever at the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, fire at the Thornwell at Clinton S. C. and as for Barium Springs, we know our own trials and God has been with us.

The Regents of the Orphans' Home met at the Orphans' Home on November third. Those present were; Dr. Rumple, Dr. H. G. Hill, Dr. D. I. Craig, Rev. W. K. McLelland, Dr. C. G. Vardell, Mr. P. M. Brown and Rev. Geo. H. Atkinson. They had a very busy session and adjourned to meet at Synod in Durham.

Miss Carr, our teacher of the sixth and seventh grades went to St. Peters hospital in Charlotte to undergo an operation for appendicitis. She is rapidly regaining her health, we are happy to say, for she is well beloved here. Miss Burke has kindly taken Miss Carr's work during her absence and is giving the highest satisfaction.

Oh! no, we are not worrying about Thanksgiving dinner. We don't know where it is coming from but we do not feel the least uneasiness in the world about it. The dinner will be here and a good one too. It will be just what the Lord wishes his orphans' to have. We have a feeling that the Thanksgiving dinner served our orphans' is accepted as if given Himself in person as is the "cup of cold water."

The woods are a perferct paradise to our boys and girls. The boys revel in the game, the nuts, wild grapes and the many interesting things they can find in tree tops or on the ground or beneath it. They roam the woods at will during their leisure hours. The girls enjoy the forests quite as much but when they go to the woods for leaves and other beauties or for a quiet talk they must be attended by some one capable of protecting them.

It will all come, the church will see that her orphan'ssupport is made sure. She will pay that hideous, ugly debt. Not only will she do this, but gladly. Presbyterians do not put their hand to the plough and turn back. We are going to have that new house for boys, the support of the new boys assured, a church in which to teach our orphans' to worship God, and the Industrial Building equipped. By way of making every one feel good we know that this is given, as God gives, freely, gladly, the little people are going to be treated to a bountiful Thanksgiving dinner and not forgotten at Christmas.

A Regent Suggests.

One of our Regents in going through the dormitories seeing the patch-work quilts on the beds said, "Would you not like to have white counterpanes? Why yes indeed, we would. It would give a much tidier appearance to the bedrooms. It would take just 172 for double and eighty-four for single beds, two for each bed, so that they could be laundered regularly. Another thing that would add to a tidy appearance would be white table cloths for our dining-room. White oilcloths are now in use. There are twenty tables, at each table eight persons are seated. At least sixty table cloths would be needed. For we should wish to train our girls not to tolerate soiled table linen. Not only would these things add to appearance but would teach our orphans to be careful at table. Any of them would hate to spoil a snowy table-cloth but when they know an oil cloth can with little trouble be put in order they naturally do not exercise the care at table that we could wish. When our steam laundry is in running order, we shall try very hard to secure the counterpanes and table cloths. We hope this may be in the very near future.

Little River Church, of which Rev. J. W. Goodman is pastor, sent our household ten sacks of flour. This generous gift was collected by Mr. R. B. Holdman. We do not know to whom we are indebted for the move in this matter whether brother Goodman or Mr. Holdman. Now Little River has given 150 orphan children and their faculty bread for more than a week. This Church is in Orange Presbytery, has a membership of 140 persons. Each member has given bread to more than one orphan for over a week. Orange Presbytery led last year in contributions to the Orphans' Home We do not wonder at this when a congregation of the size of Little River gives our orphans bread for more than a week. If fiftyone other country churches would do likewise provision for a years supply of flour would be made.

We have a friend in a neighboring state who has been supporting two orphans regularly for several years. There is one individual within this State who supported last year one orphan and this year has doubled his contributions and is supporting two. There are two ladies societies which are each supporting an orphan, and three men's societies, two of which support one orphan each, and the other supports two. There are a number of Sunday schools that take monthly collections and in some of these the support of one orphan is provided for and in a few much more than that. Now if contributing Sunday Schools that are able to do so would fix a definite sum to be aimed at monthly and undertake the full support of one or more orphans, according to their ability, uncertainty would be largely removed from the question of supporting the orphans at the Home. Our Baptist brethren have a plan of taking pledges at their Association meetings from all the churches in the association and in this way they have largely eliminated the matter of uncertainty from the support of their orphanage. The plan adopted by our Synod some years ago of apportioning the support of the Orphans' Home among the presbyteries according to their strength and of some of the pres-

byteries apportioning their part among the several churches in the presbytery is admirable and would place our Orphans' Home far above the slightest danger of uncertainty of support, but the trouble is that apportionments are not met. How can this trouble be removed? Can there be any way of getting an acceptance of the apportionments by the churches?

Loyalty.

If there is one thing that we are a little more proud of than anything else it our alumni. One girl in speaking of her home at Barium said, "Every day I stay away makes me realize more than ever how I love it. I am afraid I can't be happy anywhere else." Another one when she entered college from here said, "If I didn't care for my own life I'd do everything in my power to make my college course a success for the sake of the Home." One of our boys who is seeing something of the world and of whom we are very proud said after spending a few days at the Home, "Its like a visit to Paradise." Another one says, "The skies aren't so blue the sunsets so glorious or the woods so beautiful anywhere else in the world as at dear old Barium."

These things are said to home folks whose hearts respond to every expression of love for the old place but we feel like we want our friends everywhere to know how our children love their home.

It is to be hoped that all Presbyterians in making their Thanksgiving offering will feel the necessity of being very generous in their gifts. Not only because we have received rich temporal blessings but because of the sore need at the Orphans' Home. Let the deficit be wiped out and a sufficient fund raised to carry us far into the incoming year. The Orphans' Home should not know a moments concern about the support of her orphans, to say nothing of having to go in debt for bread. Spasmodic giving will not suffice. If we would see the Orphans' Home prosper there must be a continual inpouring into the treasury. Good and sufficient plans have been devised, let us see that they are carried out. In the scheme for supporting the Orphans' Home is the collection on Thanksgiving day. If gifts are made as the Lord has prospered us then our orphans will lack nothing.

Wear and Tear.

In the beginning, the early years of the Orphans' Home we had many more quilts than children. So many quilts in fact we hardly knew how to take care of them. Strange to say many of these quilts that have seen some thirteen years service are beginning to wear out. If they were in your home I expect they would be most as good as new. That is one allowance that has to be made in the expense of the Orphans' Home. Children can't handle things with the care of grown people. The quilts must be often washed and aired, the children in taking them back and forth will trail them on the floor or ground if one is not all eyes. Yes our quilts are wearing out. As soon as you hear that a new cottage is to be built here for our boys wont you begin making quilts for it?

Hallowe'en.

Most everybody had a party on Hallowe'en, well so did we. The teachers gave it to the Howard Cottage girls and the older boys. If you

knew our teachers it wouldn't be necessary to tell you what a success it was. The house was decorated with the most gorgeous autumn leaves and lighted with the quaintest jack o'lanterns. In one corner there was a Gipsy tent half hidden with branches of trees and Miss Lee Cosby was the Gipsy who told fortunes in the little tent. The fortunes had been gotten up by some of the teachers and were full of wit and fun. We had all kinds of Hallowe'en entertainment Kissing the Blarney stone, biting for swinging apples, twirling the pumpkin, sailing fortune ships, swinging pumpkin seed, etc. etc. There were apples and chestnuts served in pumpkin dishes, and candy—the best candy. We are glad our teachers can make good candy as well as teach good Latin and Math.

The evening passed all too quickly and we went away with a great soft place in our hearts for witches and saints and teachers.

The training our orphans receive is appreciated by outsiders. There are those who wish their children to have such a training and are willing, yes anxious to pay for it. Recently a mother in a sister denomination wrote to place her son with us wishing to pay any amount necessary for his admission. Not that the boy is bad but she particularly wanted him to have just such a training as our children receive. Of course nothing of this kind can be thought of. The Orphans' Home is only for indigent orphan children, none other can ever be received. Still it is gratifying to know that our church has succeeded in so training her orphans that those who have money would be willing to pay for the same training for their children.

A Splendid Gift to an Orphans' Home.

A citizen of Charleston has made a gift of $100,000 to the Charleston Orphanage, one of the oldest and best known orphan asylums in the country.

The gift was made as a memorial to the late W. Jefferson Bennet, of this city, and the donor prefers that his identity should not be made known.

It is accepted, however that the gift was made by A. B. Murray, president of the Bennett Rice Mills, who was reared at the Orphans' Home and was adopted into the family of Mr. Bennett when a youth.

General John C. Fremont, The Pathfinder, and first candidate of the Republican party for President, was an inmate of the Orphans' Home for several years in his boyhood.—Charlotte News.

Dr. Graham of Davidson is a great favorite among our children. A few days ago two little girls from Annie Louise Cottage went to see Mr. Boyd in his office. He asked them who they thought would be elected President. The little ladies were very sure they didn't know. Then he asked who they wanted to have elected. Now what political party do you suppose they belong to? They were very sure they did know that, for one wee woman answered promptly "Dr. Graham."

Some repairing would improve appearances in one or two of the cottages. Our boys could do the work if they had the material with which to do it. The material can be bought at close figures when the money is in hand.

A new coat of paint is needed in the interior of the dining-room. Our boys can paint very well indeed. So

it would not be necessary to hire a painter at $1.50 or $2.00 a day. All we need is the white lead and oil, our boys can do this work and that in a tip-top fashion. Same thing about white washing our plastered walls, our shop boys can do it equal to an expert. All they need is the lime. Our readers will agree with us that our boys are quite worth while.

The wisdom of individual effort is seen in the "forward movement" in behalf of foreign missions. The plan has been largely to persuade individual churches to undertake the support of one or more missionaries or to persuade an individual to undertake the support of a missionary. The result has been greatly increased contributions to the cause and a long bound forward in the work. Why may not a similar plan greatly promote the systematic and regular support of the fatherless?

It was our good fortune to have Rev. L. C. Vass with us for two hours between the morning trains on Oct 31. His talk to our children was very much enjoyed by our household and neighbors. So many of our children complained that the talk was all too short. Mr. Vass has a very happy style of talking to children and holds their attention completely.

Rev. A. T. Graham spent the last Sunday of October with us, preaching two most excellent sermons. Our household was delighted when it was made known that he was to be with us, for Dr. Graham is a prime favorite with our children.

In sending calico or percale to the Orphans' Home, we find that Indigo blue wears better, so if it is immaterial to you, give us the blue, that our girls may not have to wear faded dresses after the first time they are washed.

We feel that the Thornwell Orphanage is nigh of kin to Barium Springs and that their loss by fire is almost our personal loss. God strengthen you, Brother, Jacobs we have ourselves passed through two fires and know what this loss means to you. Doubtless your building will be replaced by one in every way better suited to your large and growing family of orphans. We have heard you say you had out grown your old dining-room.

Our household renders thanks to the giver of all good for the return of Vivian from the hospital where she had been for six weeks. Vivian is one of our brighest and most promising "big sisters." In sparing her life we feel that God has a special work for her to do and that she will do it in a manner most worthy of herself and her profession. We cannot be too thankful to the kind nurses and doctors who have done so much for our little girl and who have learned to love her as we do at the Orphans' Home.

We are most happy to have a portrait of Mr. Edwin T McKeithan to place in our chapel. He was ever a lover of the Orphans' Home and in his will has contributed more to little Joe's church than any other one individual.

We know, Doctor Jacobs, you are now giving much thought to the kitchen and dining room best suited to orphanage work. You are a pioneer in orphanage work and have large experience. Do the advantages of a common dining hall overbalance the disadvantages? Would a common kitchen, with meals served in a dining

oom in each cottage be better suited to our work. You know that the New York Juveniie Asylum in its new and ideal plant on the Hudson has the common kitchen and dining rooms in each cottage, an automobile delivering the steaming hot meals to all dining rooms. With us the plan may not be practicable. We should like to see one of our institutions try it and know of no one better suited than yourself to investigate the matter. May the plan you adopt be the very best to carry your work to the highest success.

Mr. J. R. Hutchison sent us a dressed porker a week before Thanksgiving. He very wisely wrote that he thought it best to send it in advance of Thanksgiving. It is best not to have all the good things at one time. A whole pig comes in mighty nice at the Orphans' Home at any time. It would be hard to find a boy or girl who does not like sausage, most certainly one could not be found in our big household.. We wish brother Hutchison could look in on the 150 boys and girls as they breakfast on this nice sausage, he would feel amply repaid for any trouble this gift cost him. God bless those by whom He sends bread or flesh for the wards of our church.

Franklin Church in Concord Presbytery sent the Orphans' Home a most welcome donation of flour, potatoes, pumpkins, shelled beans, etc.

This added very much to our bill of fare. Our good friends at Franklin have our most hearty thanks. Any thing to go on the table is welcomed by every one here, but we suspect the kitchen girls, who have to see that food is placed on the twenty tables three times a day rejoice even more than the rest of us.

The higher grade children are happy over the prospect of desks in their school room. They have had their hopes raised before only to be disappointed. This time Rev. Geo. H. Atkinson has taken the matter in hand and we are sure the desks will be forthcoming.

CASH RECEIPTS.

SUPPORT FUND FOR OCTOBER.

Albemarle Presbytery.

Churches

Makleyville.....5.00

Sunday Schools.

New Berne.....7.61
Goldsboro 4.00
Washington.....5.35
Eureka S. S.....3.16

Asheville Presbytery.

Sunday Schools.

Waynesville.....1.24

Concord Presbytery.

Churches

McKinnon 4.73
Gilwood Ch 6.21
McKinnon 4.50
Quaker Meadows 1.00
Troutman 41
Statesville.....3.23
First Church Salisbury.....52.00

Sunday Schools.

Davidson.....11.27
Gilwood S. S.....5.00
Bethpage.....1.95
Cannonville.....1.74
Statesville.....7.28
First Church Salisbury.....15.50
Rocky River 4.10
Taylorsville S.S.....15.00
Bridge Water.....2.00
Glen Alpine 2.20
Quaker Meadows.....7.40
Siloam S. S 3.00

Societies.

Ladies Benevolent Society of Concord First Church. 13.00
Men's Orphanage Band Davidson....15.00
Men's Orphan Aid Association Salisbury.....10.00

L. A Society Tayiorsville... ..... 5.50
Childrens Band Bethany..... ....2.64

Fayettevil e Presbytery.

Churches

Haaiet 20.00
Galatia 14.00
Smyrna..... ....3.85
Bethel 3.00

Sunday Schools.

Antioch 3.15
Manly 4.60
Lumber Bridge..... ....5.20
Robeson Sabbath School..... ....12.00

Societies

Willing Workers Miss. Soc,
Summerville Ch..... ....10.20

Kings Mountain Presbytery.

Churches.

Shelby..... ....6.01
Brittain 2.60
incolnton 4.01
New Hope 25.44
Duncan's Creek 1. 6
Shiloh..... ....3.28

Mecklenburg Presbytery.

Churches.

Steel Creek 7.85

Sunday Schools.

Philadelphia.... .. ..7.26
Philade phia. 4.68
Mallard Creek 4.08
Westminister 5.00

Societies.

Barium Springs League
Mallard Creek 5.00
Ladies Aid and Orphanage
First Church Charlotte..... ....6.00

Orange Presbytery

Churches.

Second Church Winston
(to be organized)..... ....100.00
Chapel Hill.. ... .7.43
Cross Roads..... ....1.90
Fairfield 5.00
First Church Greensboro..... .....24.95
Little River..... ....3.22
Yanceyville..... ....6.41
Reidsville..... ....22.50

Sunday Schools.

North Wilkesboro 2.26
First Chuch Durham..... .... 49.51
First Church Winston 5.07
Reidsville S .S..... ... .3.17
High Point S .S... ....5.00

Societies.

"In As Much" Soc. Winston 15.00
L. A. Soc. First Ch. Durham... . .....10.00
Ladies Aid North Wilkesboro 1.00
Men's Society North Wilkesboro.....39.50
Ladies Aid First Ch. Winston 5.00

Wilmington Presbytery.

Churches

Burgaw 1.00
St. Andrews Ch. Wilmington..... .....10.00
First Ch. Wilmington... . ...5.00
Peachy..... ....1.75

Sunday Schools.

St. Andrews Wilmington 5.00
Burgaw S. S..... ....1.00
Burgaw..... ....1.00
St. Andrews Ch. Wilmington ..10.00
First Church Wilmington. 5.00

Individuals.

Robt M. Mann..... ....5.00
Mrs Lizzie Hargett 1.00
Mrs Constance McIntyre 5.61
Mrs Julia E. Dupuy 2.00
A. R. McEachern..... ....10.00
Rev. A. T. Graham..... ....1.60
"H." 5.00
Mrs. Francis Call Nicholson..... ...1.00
"A. E." 10.00
Henry and Ermie Witherspoon.....50
James and Eugene Witherspoon 50
"L." 2.80
"Mrs. B A. C."... ....10.00
E. E. Murphy..... ....1.00
R. R. King 25.00
Geo. Watts Hill.... .... .50.00
A Friend..... . ...10.00

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Note by heirs of Edwin T. McKeithan for
Pulpit in little Joe's Church... .....26.12

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Davidson, Sept. 15.—A stranger entering the little village of Davidson after nightfall would hardly recognize it as the Davidson of old It has long been the centre of intellectual light, but now is rejoicing in a very overflow of electric illumination. Arc lights are scattered for a mile along its main street, many of the business houses and residences are already lighted by electricity and others are being wired, while the campus, beautiful as it is by day, is not less so by night. Every dormitory is fitted with a powerful 25-candle power reading lamp, with holophane shade and frosted bulb. The bright light streaming from scores of windows is re-inforced by arc lights here and there among the trees till the hitherto sober campus seems EN FETE every night. The Shearer Hall and the church are lighted entirely from the ceiling, scores of electric bulbs being used. This places all the lights out of reach of the eye and gives a diffused illumination with no shadows. The great commencement hall is lighted by one hundred 16-candle power lamps, the elaborate cornice of the hall being thickly studded with them on all four sides. The large rostrum is made especially bright by placing 20 lamps with reflectors along one of the beams of the ceiling, where they are entirely hidden from the audience, but concentrate their light on the platform. The electric plant and its power house have been skillfully utilized to effect important economies in several directions. A new deep well has been bored, and a new pumping-station constructed near the power house. Here an electric motor runs two pumps simultaneously, one carrying surface water to the engine, the other pumping artesian water to the college reservoir. The 6-horse power gasoline engine which has hitherto run the water-works pump is now replaced by an electric motor, thus cutting off an annual expense of $200 for gasoline. The new dormitory is only 200 feet from the power-house. Connections are now being made by which the whole building will be heated from the power-house boiler, using direct steam by day, and exhaust steam by night. Thus a large bill for fuel and janitor service in this building will be saved.

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